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Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

Claims 1-47 are pending, with claims 1-7, 16, 25 and 33-35 being independent.

Claims 33 and 34, and their dependent claims 45 and 46, have been rejected as being unpatentable over McAuliffe (U.S. Patent No. 5,838,790) in view of Taguchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,148,253). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because there would have been no motivation to modify the system of McAuliffe in view of Taguchi so as to mount the display device of McAuliffe on means for transportation, as recited in independent claims 33 and 34.

McAuliffe is directed to an advertisement authentication system in which advertisement files downloaded from a server system 4 to the user's client computer 2 are displayed when the client computer is off-line, and the advertisement statistics file on the client computer 2 is communicated to the server system 4 to for use in creating billing information (see McAuliffe at col. 4, lines 47-55 and col. 5, lines 34-61). By contrast, Taguchi is directed to an on-vehicle control system for controlling various devicees mounted on a vehicle in which a rear control unit is provided with functions such as an Internet communication function (see the Abstract of Taguchi). The systems are unrelated and Taguchi's mere description of providing Internet access in a vehicle would not have led a person skilled in the art to employ the system of McAuliffe in a vehicle. Indeed, since Taguchi is directed to allowing on-line access in a vehicle, there would have been no need for the system of McAuliffe, which is directed to handling situations in which on-line access is not available.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the rejection should be withdrawn.